## You Can Run!

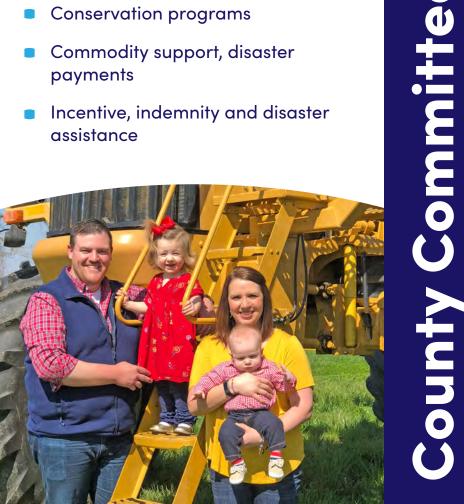
You can help ensure fair and equitable administration of FSA programs. If elected, your voice can help deliver many beneficial FSA programs and functions in your locality, such as:

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- Hiring the County Executive Director who oversees daily FSA county office operations
- **Producer appeals**
- Conservation programs
- Commodity support, disaster payments
- Incentive, indemnity and disaster assistance



### **Connect with FSA**

For more information about FSA county committees, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/elections or visit a local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit http://offices.usda.gov.

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**County Committees oversee** FSA programs for farmers and ranchers in their communities. Committee members are farmers, ranchers and landowners elected by local producers.

# County Committee Members:

### You Can Nominate!

Election Process and Commitment:

- Assist in the delivery and administration of farm programs in your community
- Represent local farmers and ranchers
- Provide local agricultural guidance and insight to FSA staff
- Make critical decisions impacting local producers
- Assist with outreach and inform underserved producers such as beginning farmers and ranchers in your community about FSA opportunities. For additional information and resources, visit https://newfarmers.usda.gov.

- Nomination forms and eligibility guidelines are available at your local FSA office, or online at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.
- You can nominate yourself or someone else. An organization can also nominate a producer.
- Forms are submitted to the FSA office or postmarked on or before the deadline.
- Forms must be signed by the nominee (those who are nominated by another individual or organization will be contacted by the local office).

## You Can Vote!

- Check with your FSA office or the FSA website for requirements.
- Producers of legal voting age who participate or cooperate in any FSA program can vote.
- Ballots are mailed to eligible voters or can be picked up at your local FSA office.

USDA is committed to increasing the participation of all farmers and ranchers on FSA County Committees, with an emphasis on women and minority farmers and ranchers. Beginning farmers and ranchers are also encouraged to get involved.

Once the voting period closes, ballots are counted publicly (usually at your local office).

- Elected members serve three-year terms and committees consist of three to 11 members.
- County committees meet monthly to discuss critical decisions impacting local producers.
- Advisors are appointed annually to represent women and minority interests.

## **Important Dates**

June Nominations begin

**August** Final date to return or

postmark forms

**November** Ballots are mailed to

eligible voters

**December** Ballots are

submitted and

counted

**January** Members and

alternates take office



